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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Spec. Asst. to the Secretary for Press	Lynne Melillo-Bolton	209-A	447-4623	AGR030
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Asst. to Press Secretary/Research	Tammy Bragg	209-A	447-4623	AGR030
Speech Writer	Victor Wolski	209-A	447-4691	AGR030

GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF INFORMATION—This office is responsible for maintaining the flow of information and providing the liaison between USDA and the mass communication media and the public at large. The office directs and coordinates public affairs/public information work with the various agencies and has final review of all national news releases, broadcast materials, publications, visuals, and other information materials involving Departmental policy. The office provides leadership and facilities in the production of radio and video tapes, film, still photography, exhibits and other design materials. It provides a central teleconferencing facility for the Department and administers the Department's service for electronic dissemination of information. The office also provides Departmental coordination of responses under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act.

Director, Office of Information	David R. Lane	402-A	447-8005	AGR011
Deputy Director (Actg.)	Sally A.S. Michael	402-A	447-4614	AGR012
Chief, News Division	Dave Warren	406-A	447-4026	AGR004
Deputy Chief	Diane O'Connor	406-A	447-2168	AGR241
Public Affairs Specialist	Arthur Whitmore	404-A	447-9899	AGR003
Public Affairs Specialist	Marian Hess	404-A	447-9065	AGR003
Public Affairs Specialist	Jim Greene	459-A	447-9280	AGR003
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Media Liaison—Print	Kate Alfriend	458-A	447-2033	AGR006
Media Liaison—TV, Radio	Marci Hilt	408-A	447-6445	AGR006
Media Liaison—Hispanic	Phil Villa-Lobos	459-A	447-3088	AGR003
News Center Distribution	Linda Haines	403-A	447-9120	AGR003
Chief, Radio & Television Division (Actg.)	Margaret Desatnik	410-A	447-4330	AGR007
Deputy Chief and Television (Actg.)	Don Elder	456-A	447-4330	
Television	DeBoria Janifer	410-A	447-4330	
Television	Vic Powell	408-A	447-4330	
Radio	Gary Crawford	443-A	447-4330	AGR008
Radio	Brenda Curtis-Heiken	449-A	447-4330	AGR008
Radio	George Holmes	447-A	447-4330	AGR008
Chief, Special Programs Division	Stan Prochaska	536-A	447-7454	AGR002
Deputy Chief (Actg.) and Research, Biotechnology	John Crowley	536-A	447-8181	AGR203
Computerized Info. Services	Russell Forte	528-A	447-5505	AGR205
Conserv., Envir. & Energy	William Whyte	529-A	447-8174	AGR208
Food & Nutrition, Education	Sally Katt	543-A	382-9435	AGR207
Freedom of Info. & Privacy Acts	Milton Sloane	531-A	447-8164	AGR206
Internat'l & Special Reports	George Holcomb	530-A	447-5746	AGR204
USDA NEWS, Emergency Programs	Ron Hall	545-A	447-5747	AGR210
Yearbook Editor, Publications	Deborah Smith	457-A	447-9173	AGR201
AG Calendar/INSIDE INFORMATION	Denver Browning	533-A	447-2058	AGR209
Special Projects, Consumer	Sandra Maiorana	541-A	447-9256	AGR211
Electronic Mail Manager	Delores Peterson	536-A	447-7454	AGR001

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Deputy Chief	James Schleyer	518-A	447-4337	
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Budget, Accounting & Exhibit Coord.	George Benton	522-A	447-4289	
Exhibit Design	Eva Cuevas	522-A	447-2267	
Computer Graphics	Vincent Hughes	513-A	447-6281	
Graphic Design	Janice Proctor	520-A	447-4339	
Graphic Production	James Vechery	517-A	447-2921	
Special Projects	Larry Sullivan	S-310	447-3393	
Exhibit Fabrication	Wayne Reno	S-310	447-3393	
Warehousing/Set-Up	Richard Hill	S-310	447-3393	
Chief, Photography Division	Theodosia Thomas	4404-S	447-6633	AGR019
Deputy Chief	June Davidek	4404-S	447-6633	
Audiovisual Productions	Robert Hailstock	4415-S	382-8905	
Photo Library	Robert Hailstock	4407-S	382-8905	
Photographic Svcs/Procurement	Robert Overbey	4425-S	447-4022	
Accounting/Reimbursement	Dorothy Staats	4425-S	447-8969	
Chief, Publishing Division	Ed Poe	542-A	447-6623	AGR017
Deputy Chief	Frank Samay	508-A	382-9434	
Editorial & Policy Review	Edna Carmichael	544-A	382-9433	
Editorial & Policy Review	Marge Masterson	546-A	447-3298	
Editorial & Policy Review	Carrie Pollard	546-A	447-6046	
Photographic Review	Byron Schumaker	548-A	447-8430	
Publications Distribution	Nat Pope	507-A	447-7507	
Pub. Distr./Congressional	Millie Cole	508-A	447-3365	
USDA Information Center	Barbara Robinson	114-A	447-2791	
Chief, Printing Division	Warren Bell	501-A	447-7509	AGR014
Deputy Chief	Al Senter	500-A	447-7175	
Electronic Publishing	Joe Stanton	501-A	447-8661	AGR015
Publications	Jim Cecil	501-A	447-8137	
Forms	Tom Tanner	501-A	447-4585	
Chief, Video & Teleconference Division	Larry Quinn	1618-S	447-6072	AGR016
Deputy Chief	Bob Boyer	1614-S	447-3068	AGR235
Teleconference Coordinator	Betty Fleming	1613-S	447-5368	AGR231
Teleconference Scheduling	David Smyth	1617-S	447-3950	AGR233
Project Manager	Lynn Wyvill	1614-S	447-5376	AGR234

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS—This office is the Department's liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative matters of concern to USDA and the public.

Director	John Frydenlund	206-E	447-7095	DAG120
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OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS—This office is the Department's liaison with State Departments of Agriculture and other State and local governmental agencies interested in agricultural programs and policies.

Director	Jerry Barron	102-A	447-6643	DAG130
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON—This office is the Department's liaison with public organizations and groups interested in agricultural programs and policies.

Director	Ronald B. Buckhalt	241-E	447-2798	DAG140
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ECONOMICS

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE—Conducts research in domestic and foreign agricultural economics. Analyzes factors affecting agriculture, farm productivity, financing, use of resources, and potentials of rural areas. Evaluates marketing potentials and development and marketing costs. Studies U.S. trade in agricultural products and role of agriculture in economic development of other nations. Reports situation and outlook, commodity projections, price spreads, and analysis of U.S. farm commodity programs.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE—Prepares official USDA data and estimates of production, supply, prices, and other items necessary to maintain orderly agricultural operations through monthly, annual, and other periodic reports to the public.

Director, Information Division, Economics Management Staff	Ben Blankenship	228*	786-1504	AGR078
Chief, Current Information & Popular Publications	Kent Miller	228*	786-1494	AGR075
Chief, Research Information ERS reports	James R. Sayre	237*	786-1512	AGR073
Secretary, Agric'l Statistics Board	Donnell Royster	208*	786-1515	
Agric. Statistics Board Reports	Duane Jewell	5809-S	447-7017	DAG7720
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Pat Walker	5829-S	447-4020	
	Laura B. Snow	4310-S	447-7590	

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WORLD AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK BOARD—Coordinates the Department's information gathering and dissemination on developments in domestic and international agriculture. Chairs interagency commodity estimates committees. Leads interdepartmental weather, climate, and remote sensing research and assessment of impact of weather on agriculture. Coordinates annual Outlook Conference.

Public Affairs Officer & Outlook Conference Director	Raymond L. Bridge	5147-S	447-5447	AGR072
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Laura B. Snow	4310-S	447-7590	

OFFICE OF ENERGY—Coordinates Department's energy policy, including all issues dealing with agricultural energy use and agricultural impacts of energy development and use; coordinates the energy activities of all USDA agencies and identifies information resource personnel in other agencies.

Public Information Contact	Nancy Smith	144-E	447-2113	AGR071
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Laura B. Snow	4310-S	447-7590	

FOOD AND CONSUMER SERVICES

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE—Administers Federal food assistance programs including food stamps; food distribution; supplemental food for women, infants, and children; school lunch; school breakfast; special milk; child care, summer feeding, and other child nutrition and family food assistance programs.

Director, Ofc. of Gov't Affairs & Public Information	Maria J. Falcone	837 POC	756-3039	AGR043
Director of Information	John S. Webster	823 POC	756-3276	
Chief, Editorial, Printing & Audiovisual Branch	Larry Rana	823 POC	756-3284	
Chief, News Branch	Dianne Durant	823 POC	756-3286	AGR043
Chief, External Relations	Martha Newton	823 POC	756-3281	
Administrative Officer	David Warner	823 POC	756-3304	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Joseph M. Scordato	308 POC	756-3234	

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Atlanta (Southeast Region) 1100 Spring St., N.W., Rm. 250 Atlanta, GA 30367	Jerry Redding, Acting Public Affairs Director	(404) 347-4259	AGR121
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San Francisco (Western Region) 550 Kearny Street, Room 400 San Francisco, CA 94108	Dick Montoya Public Affairs Director	(415) 556-7391	AGR127

HUMAN NUTRITION INFORMATION SERVICE—Measures food consumption and dietary levels of the population; develops standard reference tables on the nutritive values of foods; and develops and cooperates with others in the development of materials to aid the public in meeting dietary needs, with emphasis on good nutrition, appropriate cost, palatability, safety, avoiding food waste, and conserving energy.

Director, Public Affairs Staff	Johna L. Pierce	364*	436-8617	AGR042
Senior Writer/Editor	Gerald L. Smith	365*	436-8617	AGR042
Editorial Assistant	Carol Nathan	365*	436-8617	AGR042
Editorial Asst. Publ. Distr.	Gwendolyn Williams	325-A*	436-8617	AGR042
Publications Clerk	Jamal Parker	325-A*	436-8617	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Ellen Hart	360*	436-7725	

*Location: FB-PGP, Hyattsville, MD.

OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVISOR—Coordinates USDA actions on problems and issues of importance to consumers. Represents the Department in policy discussions related to consumer issues before Congress, in meetings with other departments and agencies, and in various public forums.

Director	Ann C. Chadwick	207-W	382-9681
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE—Administers commodity production adjustment and support programs; conservation cost-sharing with farmers and ranchers; the Conservation Reserve Program; natural disaster assistance to agricultural producers through payments and cost-sharing; and certain national emergency preparedness activities. (Includes information services for Commodity Credit Corporation and for ASC state and county committees.)

Director, Information Division	M. Ray Waggoner	3702-S	447-5237	AGR025
Deputy Director & FOIA Officer	Roland W. Olson	3702-S	447-5238	
Chief, Broadcast Services Br. (Actg.)	Eric Parson	3624-S	447-7807	
Chief, Commodity Services Br.	Robert M. Feist	3608-S	447-6787	
Chief, Field Services Br.	Ron Larson	3616-S	447-6356	
Freedom of Information Act Spec.	Jim Jamison	3614A-S	447-5875	

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE—Serves as a basic source of information to U.S. agriculture on world crops, policies, and markets; administers agricultural import regulations; assists in the export of U.S. farm products; represents U.S. agriculture in foreign trade matters; administers USDA's responsibility for P.L. 480, CCC export credit programs, and the reporting of export sales.

Director, Information Division	Geraldine Schumacher	5074-S	447-7115	AGR023
Chief, Media & Public Affairs	Dave Garten	5918-S	382-9330	AGR023
Chief, Program and Policy	Maureen Quinn	4640-S	382-9444	AGR023
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Edwin Moffett	4638-S	382-9443	

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT—Coordinates USDA's international training and technical assistance programs. Sponsors international research projects and scientific and technical exchanges with other nations on topics of interest to U.S. farmers and agribusinesses. The agency's work includes development planning and analysis and efforts to encourage private agribusinesses to get involved in development work overseas. Serves as USDA's liaison with international food and agriculture organizations.

Director, Information Staff (Actg.)	Howard S. Marks	317-B*	653-9312	AGR021
Deputy Director (Actg.)	David Winkelmann	319*	653-7587	
Writer/Editor	Neal Gallagher	324*	653-7587	
Writer/Editor	Laura Whitaker	320*	653-7589	
Public Affairs Specialist	Ken Greenberg	324*	653-7591	
Public Affairs Specialist	Victor Muniec	344*	653-7873	
Freedom of Info. Officer (Actg.)	David Winkelmann	319*	653-7587	

*Location: 2121 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC

Telemail: INFO.STAFF—KGreenberg

MARKETING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE SERVICE—Provides research, management, and educational assistance to cooperatives to strengthen the economic position of farmers and other rural residents. Works directly with cooperative leaders and Federal and State agencies to improve organization, leadership, and operation of cooperatives and to give guidance to further development.

Director, Information Staff	Gene Ingalsbe	5th floor*	653-6973	AGR050
Freedom of Info. Act Officer	Tracey Kennedy	5th floor*	653-6973	

*Location: 2121 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE—Provides for market news; develops quality grade standards and provides voluntary grading services for meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products, fruits and vegetables, cotton, tobacco, and livestock; administers marketing regulatory programs, marketing agreements and orders, and research and promotion orders; administers for Federal-State marketing improvement programs; wholesale facilities research programs; and purchasing foods for USDA food assistance programs.

Director, Information Staff	George Clarke	3510-S	447-8998	AGR051
Public Affairs Specialist	Clarence Steinberg	3510-S	447-6179	
Public Affairs Specialist	Carolyn Coutts	3510-S	447-8998	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Clarence Steinberg	3510-S	447-6179	

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE—Administers for regulatory programs to control or eradicate animal and plant pests and diseases; for domestic, and port-of-entry agricultural quarantine enforcement; for licensing, and assuring the safety and effectiveness of veterinary biological products; for enforcement of the Animal Welfare and Horse Protection Acts and for providing protection to livestock and crops from depredation by rodents, birds, and predatory animals.

Director for Legislative and Public Affairs	Nancy J. Robinson	305-E	447-8014	AGR056
Deputy Director	John P. Duncan III	1147-S	447-2511	
Asst. Dir., Current Information	Betsy Adams	732*	436-7776	
Asst. Dir., Public Awareness	Wayne Baggett	700*	436-7799	
Asst. Dir., Legislative and International Services	Steve Poore	1153-S	447-9230	AGR057
Asst. Dir., Regulatory Coordination	Steve Farbman	728*	436-5533	
Freedom of Information Act Coordinator	Susan Salus	732*	436-7776	

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FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE—Inspects and weighs grain and commodities; supervises official, private, and State grain inspection agencies and maintains U.S. grade standards for grain and grain products.

Confidential Asst. to Administrator	James A. Bair	1095-S	382-0216	AGR055
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Morton Rosenberg	1646-S	382-0237	

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE—Administers federal meat and poultry inspection program to assure safety, wholesomeness, and truthful labeling of these products. Conducts food safety consumer education program.

Director for Information & Legislative Affairs	Jane Adams	327-E	447-7943	AGR058
Deputy Director	Patricia Drayne	3806-S	447-7608	
Public Awareness Office	Laura Fox	1163-S	447-9351	
Public Affairs Specialist	Herb Gantz	1170-S	447-9351	
Information Office	Karen Stuck	1160-S	447-9113	AGR060
Legislative Affairs	Martha Vanier	3165-S	447-3897	
Exec. Corres. & Special Assignments Office	Dorothy Henry	4433-S	447-9520	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Catherine DeRoever	3175-S	447-3002	

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Meat & Poultry Hotline 1-800-535-4555—Washington, DC metropolitan area 447-3333

FSIS REGIONAL INFORMATION OFFICES

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USDA-FSIS (Southwest) 1110 Commerce St., Room 5F41 Dallas, TX 75242	Yves Gerem Reg. Information Officer Telemail: YGEREM	(214) 767-1038	AGR152
USDA-FSIS (North Central) 607 East Second St. Des Moines, IA 50316	Patricia Kalahar Reg. Information Officer Telemail: PKALAHAR	(515) 284-4042	AGR153
USDA-FSIS (Northeast) 1421 Cherry St., 7th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102	Anne McGuigan Reg. Information Officer Telemail: AMCGUIGAN	(215) 597-4217	AGR154
USDA-FSIS (Western) 620 Central Ave., Bldg. 2C Alameda, CA 94501	Cordelia Morris Reg. Information Officer Telemail: DMORRIS	(415) 273-7402	AGR155

OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION—Provides services and conducts research activities of the Department relating to the transportation of farm products, commodities, inputs, and equipment to help farm income, expand exports, and meet the needs of rural America.

Information Contact Freedom of Information Act Officer	Larry Mark Wesley Kriebel	1147-S 416*	447-3977 653-6000	AGR053 AGR053
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*Location: 2121 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC

PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ADMINISTRATION—Enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act, an antitrust, fair trade practice, and payment protection law to maintain integrity in the marketing of livestock, poultry, and meat.

Public Affairs Specialist Freedom of Information Act Officer	Vacant Calvin W. Watkins	3043-S 3039-S	382-9528 447-7063	AGR054
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NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

FOREST SERVICE—Administers program for applying sound conservation and utilization practices to natural resources of the national forests and national grasslands, for promoting these practices on all forest lands through cooperation with States and private landowners, and for carrying out extensive forest and range research.

Director, Public Affairs Office	Ed VanderMillen	3219-S	447-3760	AGR061
Deputy Director	T. Allan Wolter	3219-S	447-3760	
Publications & Gen. Info.	Eula Emanuel	3107-S	447-3957	
Current Information	George Castillo	3233-S	475-3774	AGR062
Public Involvement & Visual Information	W. Thomas Harlan	3121-S	447-5006	
Publications Management	Gladys D. Daines	3237-S	475-3770	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Eddie L. Wade	809-RPE*	235-2523	

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FS REGIONAL INFORMATION OFFICES

USDA-Forest Service (Northern) Federal Building P.O. Box 7669 Missoula, MT 59807	Beth Horn Reg. Information Officer	(406) 329-3089	AGR136
USDA-Forest Service (Rocky Mountain) 11177 West 8th Avenue P.O. Box 25127 Lakewood, CO 80225	Dennis Bschor Reg. Information Officer	(303) 236-9660	
USDA-Forest Service (Southwestern) Federal Building 517 Gold Avenue, S.W. Albuquerque, NM 87102	Charles Bazan Reg. Information Officer	(505) 842-3290	AGR131
USDA-Forest Service (Intermountain) Federal Building 324 25th Street Ogden, UT 84401	Patrick J. Sheehan Reg. Information Officer	(801) 625-5347	AGR137
USDA-Forest Service (Pacific Southwest) 630 Sansome Street San Francisco, CA 94111	Vacant Reg. Information Officer	(415) 556-1932	AGR134
USDA-Forest Service (Pacific Northwest) 319 S.W. Pine Street P.O. Box 3623 Portland, OR 97208	John Marker Reg. Information Officer	(503) 221-2971	AGR138
USDA-Forest Service (Southern) 1720 Peachtree Road, N.W. Atlanta, GA 30367	Stanford M. Adams Reg. Information Officer	(404) 347-4191	AGR133
USDA-Forest Service (Eastern) Henry S. Reuss Federal Plaza 310 West Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53203	Sylvia Brucchi Reg. Information Officer	(414) 291-3640	AGR135
USDA-Forest Service (Alaska) Federal Office Building P.O. Box 21628 Juneau, AK 99802-1628	Wayne R. Nicolls Reg. Information Officer	(907) 586-8847	AGR139

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE—Carries on a national soil and water conservation program with cooperation of landowners and operators in local soil and water conservation districts and with other government agencies, administers the Department's Great Plains conservation program and watershed protection and flood prevention program, leads the national cooperative soil survey, has Departmental leadership in assisting landowners and local groups in resource conservation and development projects.

Director, Public Information (Actg.)	Hank Wyman	6116-S	447-4543	AGR066
Deputy Director	Hank Wyman	6118-S	447-5240	AGR066
Media & Education Services Br.	Kathy Gugulis	6113-S	447-9149	AGR067
Program Support Br.	Dave White	6119-S	447-5974	AGR068
Special Projects & Campaigns Br.	(Vacant)		447-4543	
Publications and Printing Br.	(Vacant)		447-4543	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Helen Gilbert	6844-S	447-7730	

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SMALL COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION—Provides loans to farmers who cannot obtain credit from banks or other lending institutions. Makes loans for single family housing and multi-family housing in rural areas and to small communities to help them provide clean water, waste water treatment, health clinics, fire equipment, and other community facilities. Guarantees loans for businesses and industries, in rural areas to help create jobs and maintain economic stability.

Director, Legislative Affairs and Public Info. Staff	Ron Ence	5037-S	447-6903	AGR035
Deputy Director	Joe O'Neill	5037-S	447-4323	
Branch Chief, Information	Marlyn E. Aycock	5037-S	447-4323	
Branch Chief, Legislative Affairs	Jeff O'Neill	5037-S	447-6903	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Aimee Fisher	6865-S	382-9638	

Telemail: NO.LAPIS

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION—Insures farmers against value of lost crop production due to natural disasters, such as hail, fire, and drought.

Director, Information & Governmental Affairs	Michael A. Forgash	4416-S	447-3287	AGR032
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Ralph F. Satterfield	4608-S	382-9714	

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION—Makes and guarantees loans to rural electric and telephone systems to provide service to rural areas at affordable cost.

Public Affairs Officer	Ruth Ann Mason	4042-S	382-1261	AGR033
Public Affairs Specialist	Jim McKenna	4042-S	382-1255	
Visual Information Specialist	Jean Mosley	0186-S	382-8692	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Blaine D. Stockton, Jr.	4063-S	382-9552	

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE—Conducts research on production of animals and plants; protection of animals and plants from diseases; use and improvement of soil, water and air resources; processing, storage and safety of food; and human nutrition.

Director, Information Staff	Robert Norton	307-A*	344-2264	AGR081
Chief, Current Information Br.	Bruce Schwartz	334*	344-4296	
Chief, Publications Branch	Iris Ballew	307-B*	344-3265	
Chief, Audiovisual Branch	Robert Fones	302*	344-4037	
Publications Inquiries	Nancy Sowers	3431-S	447-4111	
Freedom of Information Act Officer	Stasia Hutchison	331-B*	344-3928	

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COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH SERVICE—Administers certain Federal funds appropriated for agricultural and forestry research at State agricultural experiment stations, forestry schools, 1890 universities and Tuskegee Institute, and selected veterinary schools. Helps coordinate regional research and research planning on a regional and national basis. Conducts competitive and special research grants programs and maintains the Current Research Information System (CRIS) of State and Federal research records for publicly supported agricultural and forestry research.

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EXTENSION SERVICE—Links research, science, and technology to the needs of people, where they live and work, by providing practical education and information. Federal partner in the Cooperative Extension System networking 74 land-grant universities and local offices in more than 3,100 counties.

Director, Communications, Information, & Technology	Janet Poley	3328-S	447-3029	AGS094
Deputy Director	Patricia Calvert	3328-S	447-6133	AGS096
Head, Publications	Nancy Sowers	3327-S	447-4111	AGS095
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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY—Provides technical information on agricultural research and related subjects to scientists, educators and farmers. Is coordinator and primary resource for national network of State land grant and field libraries. Serves as U.S. center for international agriculture information system.

Leader, Special Services & Communications	Joseph Swab	203*	344-3937	AGS3931
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OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

Coordinates USDA policies and procedures regarding biotechnology, including USDA review in regard to the environmental safety of proposed agricultural biotechnologic research and production involving genetically engineered organisms; coordinates activities of the Agricultural Biotechnology Research Advisory Committee.

Public Affairs Specialist	Marti Asner	508-A	447-8429
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OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Provides direction and administration of the Department's budgetary functions; evaluates program and legislative proposals for program, budget and related resources implications; analyzes program and resource issues and alternatives, and prepares summaries of pertinent data to aid Departmental policy officials and agency program managers in the decision-making process; provides Department-wide coordination for and participation in the presentation of budget-related matters to the Committees of the Congress, the press, and interested public; provides Department-wide coordination of the preparation and processing of legislative programs and reports.

Freedom of Information Act Officer	Jacquelyn Patterson	147-E	382-1272
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Conducts and supervises audits and investigations relating to the Department's programs and operations; provides leadership and coordination and recommends policies for activities designed to prevent and detect fraud and abuse and to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in Departmental programs and operations; and keeps the Secretary and Congress fully informed of problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of Departmental programs and operations and actions designed to correct such problems and deficiencies.

Assistant Inspector General for Administration	Dianne Drew	8-E	447-6915	DAG080
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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Provides legal counsel and services to the Secretary and Department agencies.

Assistant General Counsel & Freedom of Information Act Officer	Kenneth E. Cohen	2321-S	447-5565
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ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND ENTERPRISE—Provides leadership, direction, and coordination for the Department's programs for civil rights, equal employment opportunity, small and disadvantaged business, minority research and teaching, and competition advocacy.

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OFFICE OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT—Provides overall general direction, leadership and coordination of the accounting, fiscal and financial activities in the Department.

Freedom of Information Act Officer	Dolores L. Klumpp	117-W	382-3025
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OFFICE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT—Develops, recommends, and disseminates Departmental information resources management principles, policies, standards, guidelines, and regulations; designs, develops, approves, implements, and reviews systems, processes, work methods, and techniques to improve the management of information resources and the operational effectiveness of USDA; and provides telecommunications and ADP services to USDA agencies and staff offices.

Freedom of Information Act Officer	Howard Baker	404-W	447-8657
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OFFICE OF OPERATIONS—Provides overall general direction, leadership, and coordination of real and personal property, procurement, and mail functions and operates certain consolidated administrative activities in the Department.

Deputy Director & Public Information Contact Freedom of Information Act Officer	Charles A. Bucy Dean T. Smith	113-W 134-W	447-2582 475-4631
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL—Provides leadership and coordination of the Personnel Management Program of the Department and the evaluation of the effectiveness of agency personnel programs.

Freedom of Information Act Officer	Don Downing	16-W	447-3327
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